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To: Rural Medical Access Program Interested Parties

From: Charles Dwyer, Director
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Date: March 2, 2011

Re: 2011 Rural Medical Access Program Application

Rural Medical Access Program Background:

The Rural Medical Access Program (RMAP) is jointly administered by the Maine CDC Office of Rural Health and Primary Care and the Bureau of Insurance. The program promotes obstetrical and prenatal care in federally designated medically underserved areas and Health Professional Shortage Areas of Maine through assistance with insurance premiums for eligible obstetricians and family or general practice physicians. To be considered for RMAP, physicians must be practicing in Maine and have malpractice insurance for prenatal care and/or obstetrical services for at least the period of July 1, 2010 thru December 31, 2010.

Priority determination:

1. Physicians whose practices are located in federally designated medically underserved areas or Health Professional Shortage Areas, who practice at least 50% of the time in underserved areas, and whose practice includes at least 10% MaineCare patient visits.
2. Physicians whose practices are not located in federally designated medically underserved areas or Health Professional Shortage Areas but are located in Primary Care Analysis Areas of under 20,000 population and at least 50% of the visits are patients from federally designated underserved areas and/or MaineCare.

Enclosed please find the 2011 application for the Maine Rural Medical Access Program.

These applications must be completed and returned to the Maine CDC Office of Rural Health and Primary Care by Friday, April 29, 2011. Late applications cannot be accepted.
Please send to:

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If you have any questions or need additional applications, please feel free to call us at 287-5524.